

attached hereto. Favorable consideration of the above-referenced patent application is respectfully requested.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the claims:

Please add Claims 21-24 as follows:

21. The multi-layer electrode according to Claim 1 wherein the second conductive liner comprises IrO₂ or RuO₂.

22. The multi-layer electrode according to Claim 8 wherein the second conductive liner comprises IrO₂ or RuO₂.

23. The multi-layer electrode according to Claim 1 wherein the conductive layer and the first conductive liner comprise Pt, Ir, Ru, Pd, or combinations thereof.

24. The multi-layer electrode according to Claim 8 wherein the conductive layer and the first conductive liner comprise Pt, Ir, Ru, Pd, or combinations thereof.